

Four Part Doctor Who Serial

status?

Setting. An alien planet on the remote fringes of the Galaxy. Inhabited by a race of fierce warrior-like humanoids, ruled by a king and a Priest caste. Their civilisation is at approximately the mediaeval stage of development - codes of honour, trial by combat etc. They worship some kind of sacred Beast, a giant ghostly version of which appears at times of crisis. The story will take place entirely in the Citadel, a mountaintop castle/temple. This is a taboo area to which only nobility are admitted, on pain of death. (There will be no location filming).

Young?

Background. The King, a newly acceded modern and enlightened figure wants his planet to join the Galactic Federation, a kind of U.N. of all intelligent races. The High Priest secretly fears that this will mean decadence and decay for his people.

A group of delegates from the Galactic Federation are to attend the formal coronation of the King. They will make use of the occasion to decide upon the King's application for Federation membership.

The Delegates

One Ice Warrior - Mars has ostensibly given up its aggressive colonisation policy, solved it's climate problems and joined the federation. Two other non-humans from other member planets. The Earth Delegate - not yet arrived when the story opens.

Story development. A teaser in which someone - delegate or temple guard is killed - or maybe only terrified by an apparition of the sacred Beast, which then vanishes.

The Tardis materialises in the middle of the subsequent confusion. Jo and the Doctor emerge and are hunted, hide and are eventually caught. Their skins are saved by the fact that the Doctor is taken for the Earth Delegate, a masquerade which he is forced to continue. (Perhaps he justifies Jo as an Earth Princess, and has to treat her with reverence in public).

*Jo -
the Earth
is ruled
by women -
humans
elevated.
The planet
looks like
a piece of
the sky & is
a slave.*

Once established in this role the Doctor finds that someone is making determined attempts to kill him. Attempts are also made to kill other delegates, and generally to stir up trouble between the delegates (internally) and between the natives of the planet. There are various apparitions of the sacred Beast, scaring the wits out of everyone, and killing the odd extra (but not too many deaths.)

Suggested Explanation. The High Priest is in alliance with one of the non-human delegates who for various reasons wants to keep the planet out of the Federation, or even cause the Federation to break up. The sacred Beast is a real monster beneath the Citadel, but is souped-up (like the Hound of the Baskervilles) and set loose by the Priest.

*LSD -
+ was used?
Can he suffer
by sound etc*

Might be nice if the guilty delegate is not the Ice Warrior, (who the Doctor will naturally suspect) but one of the others - the most benevolent seeming one. (The Ice Warrior could be a sympathetic character, and chum up with Jo.)

*I've written
to save Doc's
life?*

We would like the following to happen somewhere in the story: A really super 'trial by Combat' fight between the Doctor and the King's bodyguard, to which we would devote a days filming at Ealing, and do the full Douglas Fairbanks. The Doctor wins and spares his opponent.

Final confrontation between the Doctor and the sacred Beast, with the Doctor proving the creature is mortal and maybe taming it. Perhaps an attempted coup d'etat by the High Priest and a small scale battle.

Delegates from High Command
misses planet.

Use a lot of Night - monsters in
shadows

touches - well bracketed.
wells in oil = Gothick.

Cast:

Doctor Who
Jo

Peladon Alien King - Akhaton.

Hepesh Alien Priest

~~Ziggy~~ Ice Warrior delegate - combined warrior - 1000 yrs ago = war. + seducer 55000.

Addressed 2nd non-human delegate - water. - instantaneous interpreters -

Centurion 3rd non-human delegate Henry Moore.

XADEK Kings bodyguard - stuntman

One or two small-part or extra Alien Natives

Doctor Who fight double - stuntman

Sets:

Citadel Complex i.e.

Main Hall Throne Room

Doctor's quarters

Delegates quarters (one room, possibly redressed)

Area for fight (to be built in studio at Ealing) The Pit - ~~reflected~~ ~~video~~

Corridors and dungeons etc.

Special Effects etc.

Establishing model shot of citadel on mountain.

Aliens - natives of planet - basically make-up.

Ice Warrior

1st Non-Human delegate

2nd Non-Human delegate

Beast - large fearsome animal

science fiction gadgets and weapons for delegates.

Every victim
has for an
item of
personal value

ACEBDDOR
Mick

Ice Warriors ~~Some~~ gun = diffraction

① Dr caught & confronted by latent delegates - Ice Warriors.

②

Beast appears - Dr condemned to defend Jo's honour
Trial by combat.

③

Trial by combat - Dr wins - apparently only to be
shot by Ice Warrior.

④

Battle & final confrontation A Beast.
Death of Priest.

Stress Dr Who's clever & Superman.

Defeat's mostly technical hypnosis - light. - nocturnal attacks.

Dr Tricked into insulting King - trial by combat.

~~The~~ Curse of Peladon.

King

Takyr Peladon ~~King~~

Priest

Hepesh

Ice Warrior I
II

Veiss Ncasar ZLXR

SSORG

Klessyc

XADEK

XOB XAN

Arcturus
Andromeda delegate.



Alpha
Centaurus delegate.
Centauri



King's Bodyguard

XADEK

Centipede Hunter
Nshri AGEDDOR

Auron

